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airfield which gives information on the following: (1) Aircraft Counts (2) Flying Activity, (3) Radio Truck Installation, (4) Munitions and Fuel Depots, (5) AA Gun Installations, (6) Security Measures, (7) Vehicle Construction Activity. A sketch which shows the locations of the radio truck installation, the AA guns, and the fuel and munitions depots is also included.

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EAST GERMANYAir/MilitaryBRIESEN/BRAND Airfield

1. Date of observation 21.10.1956 - 26.10.1956
2. Weather:
 - a) 21.10.56: clear sky;
 - b) 22.10.56: early morning mist then fine weather with clear sky;
 - c) 23.10.56: as for b) above;
 - d) 24.10.56: clear sky;
 - e) 25.10.56: clear sky;
 - f) 26.10.56: drizzle, poor visibility.
3. Aircraft count:

36 BEAGLE
2 CAB
1 CROW.

All aircraft were parked in the southern half of the airfield along the edge of the southern taxiway. Some of the BEAGLE aircraft had an all-metal nose instead of the normal glass nose. It is not known how many of each were observed.
4. Aircraft
 - a) BEAGLE:
 - b) CAB:
5. Flying activity:
 - a) 21.10.56: no flying;
 - b) 22.10.56: 0800 hours - 1300 hours:
Three aircraft practising circuits and bumps.
 - c) 23.10.56: 0800 hours - 1000 hours:
Three aircraft flying. Average duration of flight: 20/30 minutes.
 - d) 24.10.56: no flying.
 - e) 25.10.56: (i) 0700 hours - 1250 hours:
no flying;

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(ii) 1250 hours - 1600 hours:
18 aircraft flying. Average duration
of flight: 15/25 minutes.

(iii) 1600 hours - 2100 hours: no flying.

(iv) 2100 hours - 2230 hours: 3 aircraft
flying. Average duration of flight:
20 minutes.

f) 26.10.56:

(i) 0600 hours - 1300 hours: no flying.

(ii) 1300 hours - 1500 hours: single aircraft
practising circuits and bumps. Average
duration of flight: 10 minutes. Flying
continued after 1500 hours when observation
ceased.

6. W/T Installations: W/T Station located in JAGEN 76. No change.

7. Munitions and fuel depots:

- a) No activity observed at munitions depot;
- b) On 21.10.56 4 twin-axle tank waggons were
shunted on to fuel depot railway spur by a
diesel locomotive. Fuel depot located in
JAGEN 71.

8. A.A. Installations:

- a) N.W. position occupied by 4 85 mm. guns;
- b) N.E. position occupied by 4 85 mm. guns;
- c) Shooting practice carried out in both
positions between 1315 hours and 1600 hours
on 25.10.56.

9. Security Measures: No change on the airfield. Outside the
airfield increased patrols on the road
SCHONWALDE - KRAUSNICK.

10. Vehicle [redacted] (Jeep)

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[redacted] (Jeep)

[redacted] (Jeep)

[redacted] (Passenger car).

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11. Construction activity: a) The party of ten men from BAU UNION SUB are engaged in final clearing up at SCHONWALDE railway station.
- b) No wells or pumps have recently been built on the airfield.
- c) The only hospital accommodation on the airfield are normal sick quarters.

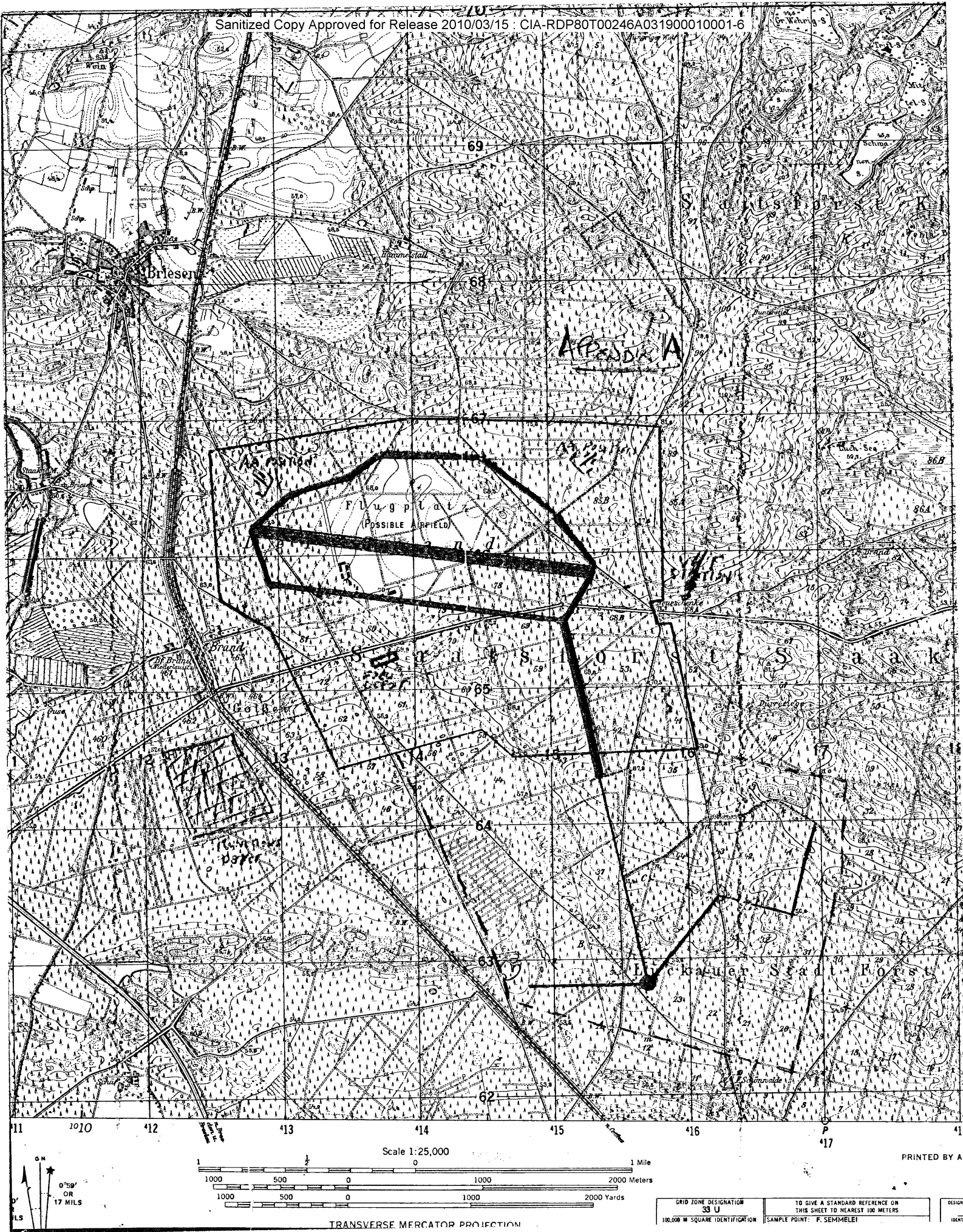
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12. Locations:

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The attached sketch (Appendix "A") shows locations of the airfield W/T station, A.A. positions, fuel and munitions depot.

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